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'Homeless hero' jailed for assault

Man forbidden from panhandling, drinking in public for 3 years

A man known affectionately across Canada as Winnipeg's "homeless hero" has been ordered to serve six months in jail following a panhandling run-in with a city doctor that turned violent.

Faron Hall, 48, was arrested at the corner of Donald Street and Ellice Avenue on May 30 and has been locked up ever since. He pleaded guilty recently to a charge of simple assault.

The victim and her two young kids were getting into their car after a morning of shopping when Hall approached and put his hands out as if to ask for money, court heard.

The doctor, described as "a good-natured person," apologized, telling Hall she had no cash to offer, and began reaching into her vehicle to give Hall some apples instead.

Hall grew angry and "slammed the door on her, pinning her between the car and the door," according to Crown attorney Susan Helenchilde.

The woman screamed for help and several people — including a Canada Post worker — came running and managed to break up the scuffle and hold Hall until police arrived.

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▶ Faron Hall

"When he was recognized for his various actions, he had many supporters. The mayor, other dignitaries, the press ... were all trying to help him out."
WINNIPEG LAWYER BARRY SINDER

Helenchilde said the incident had several "striking" and "sad" features, not least of which is how Hall's reputation as a community hero is tarnished by it.

Hall's nationally acclaimed heroics for diving into a freezing and dark Red River to save a young man in May 2009 won him official honours from the City of Winnipeg.

Months later, he also braved the water again to rescue a friend who fell in accidentally.

"It's very sad that it's come to this and that he's engaged in this sort of behaviour having established himself in such an admirable way," said Helenchilde.

Hall used to be a young man with ambitions of completing university, but decades of battling alcoholism coupled with suffering through "horrific personal tragedies," thwarted his goal, said defence lawyer Barry Sinder.

"Intensive supports" will be in place for him in the community when he's released, Sinder said.

Hall was credited for the four months already served and will remain in jail for another 60 days. Following that he'll be on probation for three years. ● JAMES TURNER

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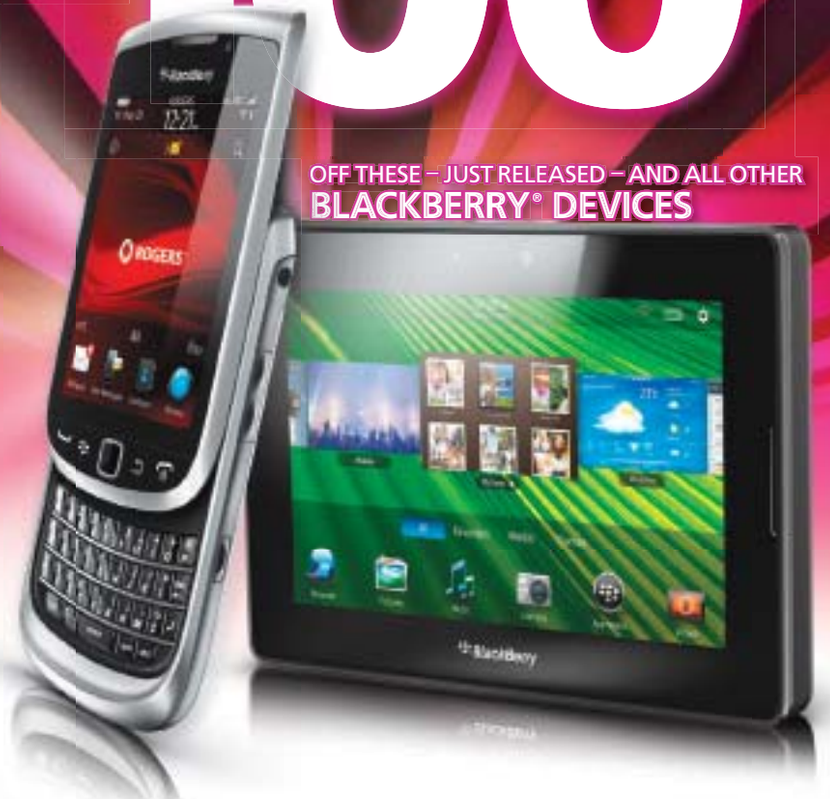

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Election in brief

BIZ to hold public forum

The Downtown BIZ will hold a provincial downtown election forum on Sept. 19 at the Portage Place Shopping Centre, Edmonton Court from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. METRO

Tories promise reno tax credit

The Progressive Conservatives promised on Friday to create a permanent Manitoba Home Renovation Tax Credit worth $1,500 to $6,500 (up to 10.8 per cent of their expenses) to families who fix up their homes. METRO

NDP promises small classes

Premier Greg Selinger said Friday if re-elected, the NDP would commit to smaller class sizes for Manitoba's schools. Classes for kids in kindergarten to Grade 3 would be capped at 20 students. METRO

Liberals offer more shopping

The Manitoba Liberals would allow all retailers to set their own hours on Sundays, thereby eliminating the current restrictive legislation of noon to 6 p.m., said Liberal Leader Jon Gerrard. METRO

Clean. Up

▶ After this year's flooding, Winnipeg faces a massive cleanup effort.

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Cleanup effort begins at Forks

This year's flooding left as much as 1.5 metres of silt on the riverwalk. Most of the riverwalk is still underwater, but portions have emerged as the Assiniboine River slowly goes down.

Teen recovering after sex attacks

Richard Darren Rondeau, 26, charged with range of offences, including assault and forcible confinement

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A teen girl was attacked, confined and repeatedly sexually assaulted over the course of several hours early Saturday morning, Winnipeg police say.

The victim and a man met in the West End at about 10 p.m. Friday and went to a party in East St. Paul outside the city, according to police. The two left the gathering together after a disturbance and headed back into the city.

Police said that the pair went to a secluded area in the 1900 block of Main Street, where the teen was thrown to the ground and seriously sexually assaulted. They then left the area on foot, with the girl's attacker refusing to let her go.

The girl was then sexually assaulted three more times in other secluded spots over the next three hours, police allege.

The victim was able to call 911 and police were dispatched to try and find her.

A suspect forced the victim to hide to try and avoid being caught, police said. Officers found the two together at Main Street and Armstrong Avenue and the suspect was arrested.

Bomb scare shuts down station

A Winnipeg police station had to be closed for almost two hours after someone brought in a device that officers determined was dangerous.

Police aren't releasing exactly what was brought in, but Const. Chris Wingfield says the bomb unit dealt with the situation.

Wingfield says a member of the public brought the item in for destruction Saturday afternoon to the station on Lyle Street, believing he was doing police a favour.

Police have since announced that the device has been deactivated.

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Arsons, bikers and Swaggerville

Just back from the cottage? Here's some of what you missed in Winnipeg this summer

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Summer in Winnipeg was a season of records broken — some good, some not so good.

Here's our list of the 10 most notable stories of our summer, in no particular order.

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Record fires

July saw a record number of fires, many of them arsons. According to the United Fire Fighters of Winnipeg, there were 385 fires (16 arsons), seven deaths, 18 injuries, and $4.8 million in damage. A woman was charged with arson and five counts of murder after allegedly setting a fire at a rooming house in Point Douglas on July 16.

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Swaggerville

The Winnipeg Blue Bombers spent the summer swaggering around Winnipeg after starting off the season with their best record in a generation.

The notion spawned a marketing campaign and T-shirts, until the Saskatchewan Roughriders brought the Bombers up short at the Labour Day Classic on Sunday.

JAMES TURNER/METRO

What mosquitoes?

Winnipeg broke the mosquito record — for the lowest number found in trap counts throughout the summer, ever.

City bug guru Taz Stuart credited crews' larviciding efforts, but most of Winnipeg credited the summer city drought, as so little rain fell in July that it broke another record.

JAMES TURNER/METRO

Gang war heats up

Locked doors weren't enough to keep some 'Peggers safe as a gang war between Hells Angels supporters and rivals the Rock Machine flared up, prompting a number of shootings and firebombings.

One 14-year-old boy, an innocent bystander, was shot in the leg.

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Goldeyes kick base

The Winnipeg Goldeyes broke a team record with the most wins ever — 60 — and clinched the American Association North Division pennant.

Pitcher Ace Walker broke a record with the most wins by a Goldeyes hurler, and manager Rick Forney surpassed 300 career wins. Second baseman Kendall Price was named Rookie of the Year.

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No charges for sledder

Accusations flew as to who was responsible for failing to file charges as announced, but in the end it meant a man accused of hitting and killing a man with a snowmobile won't face criminal charges for the pedestrian's death.

Instead, he faces a maximum $5,000 fine under the Off-Road Vehicles Act.

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Meet your Jets

After spring's return-of-the-NHL celebration, the biggest question of the summer was whether True North would name the team the Jets. 'Peggers were thrilled when Mark Chipman announced the name would stay the same.

The logo was then released to mixed reaction, with some calling it too militaristic. The Jets jersey will be officially unveiled today.

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Garfield Street melee

In one of the most bizarre incidents this summer, a teenage girl was charged with first-degree and attempted murder after a family fight spilled out onto a normally quiet West End street.

The combatants grabbed whatever was handy to use to beat each other up. Police said the girl used a van to hit several people involved, killing one.

ELISHA DACEY/METRO

SlutWalk in Winnipeg

A local student decided to organize Winnipeg's first SlutWalk after several cities organized their own following a Toronto police officer's comment that women who don't want to be raped should avoid dressing like "sluts."

Winnipeg's SlutWalk is scheduled for Oct. 15 and will start at the Burton Cummings Theatre.

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Scout leader charged

A 39-year-old Winnipeg Scout leader faces charges for allegedly sexually exploiting a male teen.

The man was a leader with the organization for more than 10 years. The case remains under investigation.

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Win a baby, for real, on radio

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▶ A bus-shelter ad touts Hot 89.9's controversial new contest.

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A new contest at radio Hot 89.9 called "Win a Baby" is drawing both applause and condemnation.

The radio contest, announced yesterday, offers people a chance to win up to three fertility treatments at a local clinic, valued at $35,000.

Entrants must write a letter to the station explaining why they need the treatment. To qualify for the top five, women need to submit a reference form from a family doctor and will have to undergo a mandatory consultation with fertility specialists.

Most Facebook and Twitter comments praised the contest, but some felt it went too far.

"I think we're crossing some morality lines with this contest.... Imagine telling your child, you were a prize from a radio station because we had problems conceiving," wrote Casey Schofield on Facebook.

"When one in six couples have trouble conceiving — that's a huge percentage," said Hot 89.9 co-host Jeff Mauler. "If we help out those families or individuals who are looking to do this, then I think those people who are against it should see the bigger picture and realize that we're actually trying to help somebody who couldn't do this otherwise."

"Imagine telling your child, you were a prize from a radio station..."
CASEY SCHOLFIELD, LISTENER

Labour parade keeps Layton's spirit alive

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▶ A supporter photographs, from right to left, Mike Layton, Ontario NDP Leader Andrea Horwath, interim federal NDP Leader Nycole Turmel, and Sarah Layton marching in Toronto's Labour Day parade in memory of Jack Layton yesterday.

Ontario NDP leader predicts a turn of tide in provincial election

The memory of Jack Layton loomed large at Toronto's Labour Day parade yesterday, with his name or picture on banners, placards, orange T-shirts and scarves.

Thousands of people moved from downtown to the CNE in the parade dedicated to the late NDP leader, who died from cancer last month.

Toronto city councillor Mike Layton, his sister Sarah, interim federal NDP leader Nycole Turmel and Ontario NDP Leader Andrea Horwath led off the procession. They held an orange banner featuring a photograph of a smiling Jack Layton that read "Labour Day march for Jack."

"I know he (Jack) always enjoyed a good parade and a good showing of solidarity with the workers of our city," Layton said.

Ontario NDP Leader Andrea Horwath said this was a chance to say thank you to Layton. "I think that today is a way of saying, 'You know, let's stay united and let's make sure that we actually fight for and work towards the kind of vision that Jack set out.'"

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Leader of Pack

- **New Democrat MP Olivia** Chow says she won't succeed her late husband, Jack Layton, as the next NDP party leader.
- **Among several contenders** are Quebec MP Thomas Mulclair and party strategist Brian Topp.

Another shot on Samson Cree Nation

RCMP are investigating the fatal shooting of a 23-year-old woman on the Samson Cree Nation early yesterday morning, next door to where a boy was shot to death in July.

Officers responded at about 2:55 a.m. and found a woman in the yard suffering gunshot wounds.

She was pronounced dead in hospital in Wetaskiwin.

Police have no suspects at this time but are hoping someone will provide more details about the woman, who has not yet been identified.

They are not saying if they think the shooting is linked to the July 11 killing of five-year-old Ethan Yellowbird, who died by a single gunshot as he slept.

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Seeking justice

▶ A woman holds a photo of a dead relative outside the trial of former Egyptian president Hosni Mubarak yesterday.

Mubarak trial erupts in chaos

A senior police officer said there were no orders to shoot protesters in Cairo's Tahrir Square in startling testimony yesterday, at the trial of ousted president Hosni Mubarak on charges he was complicit in killing Egyptians involved in the uprising against his rule.

The testimony came from a police general who had been called to the stand by prosecutors who had expected him to reveal who gave orders for police to open fire on protesters. But Gen. Hussein Moussa said police were ordered to use only tear gas and rubber bullets and resorted to live ammunition only to protect police stations.

It was a dramatic and confusing start to the prosecution's case. Moussa was the first witness to be called in a trial that has been dominated by procedural issues since it began on Aug. 3.

The session was stormy. Outside the police academy compound where the trial is being held, hundreds of relatives of protesters who were killed in the uprising clashed with police and tried to force their way in, frustrated at being prohibited from attending the trial.

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Gadhafi reps sought arms, China confirms

- Libyan rebels say invoice was found listing $200M in Chinese weapons
- Transitional government calls for improved relations with Beijing

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▶ A rebel looks at boxes of shell heads in a Libyan state industrial complex found by fighters in Crimea district, south of Tripoli, on Sunday.

China confirmed yesterday that representatives of Libyan dictator Moammar Gadhafi visited in July in a bid to buy arms, news that could further damage Beijing's relations with the new opposition government in Tripoli.

Although China insists no weapons were delivered, a spokesman for the Libyan opposition said there is evidence that Chinese companies shipped weapons through Algeria to Gadhafi's forces after the outbreak of the uprising in violation of a United Nations arms embargo.

Rebel military spokesman Abdel Raham Busim said documentation was still being collected and the new government was considering bringing legal action against Beijing, possibly at the United Nations.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Jiang Yu said Gadhafi's officials met with representatives from Chinese companies but insisted that no contracts were signed and no weapons were shipped.

She said China strictly adheres to a United Nations ban on supplying arms to the toppled regime and backed the role of the U.N. in a post-conflict Libya.

Although there was no indication that the government played a role in the contacts, the fact that the meetings were held could deliver a further blow to Beijing's ties with Libya's rebels while reinforcing the belief that China may have been trying to play both sides of the conflict.

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Rebels converge on dictator's stronghold

Rebel reinforcements converged outside one of Moammar Gadhafi's last strongholds in Libya yesterday, even as the forces arrayed against the toppled dictator gave the town a chance to surrender and avoid a fight.

Thousands of rebels have now reached Bani Walid, a desert town southeast of Tripoli. Gadhafi himself has been on the run since losing the capital last month.

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Determination helps foreign-trained dentist restart his career in the Prairies

It is likely the first time in three years that Iranian-born Dr. Hooman Mohandesan has strayed from his disciplined path: the newly graduated dentist from the University of Manitoba set out on a rambling road trip from Winnipeg to Montreal to show his visiting mother a bit of his adopted country.

"I have a few weeks' vacation to visit old friends," chuckles Dr. Mohandesan, during a pit stop on a tour that caps a long journey as a foreign-trained dentist in Canada.

Reflecting on the eligibility exams, interviews and the two-year Canadian dental program at University of Manitoba, he notes that, "It's honestly very hard, but when you're done, you feel the joy and pride of this difficult task."

For that reason, Dr. Mohandesan followed a careful regime during those years – focusing on his studies with short work-outs at the gym. "Since there was no guarantee that I would be accepted to the program on my first try, I concentrated on the exams and making contacts to learn the process and prepare myself," he recalls.

While excited to rebuild his career in welcoming, multicultural Canada, the dedicated student struggled to preserve his savings, since he didn't know when he might begin his practice. "It took some time to get used to my new economic status as a student, with all the daily expenses, but no income," he explains.

Fortunately, during an orientation event at University of Manitoba, Dr. Mohandesan met Scott Bollman, Manager of Small Business at Scotiabank's 200 Portage and Main Branch. "I liked the interaction with Scott at our meeting," says Dr. Mohandesan. "Since as a newcomer I was not very familiar with the Canadian financial system, I had a lot of questions, and Scott was very patient throughout our discussion about student loans and banking options."

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Although Dr. Mohandesan is enjoying his leisurely family holiday, he's focused on his next steps – a fellowship at University of Manitoba and work at a private dental practice in Winnipeg. His advice to other newcomers: "Concentrate on your goals, learn the process and build good relationships with people who know what to do to get your career or finances in order."

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Interest rates to stay unchanged

September trading starts in earnest today with a trio of major events that will unspool throughout the week.

The Bank of Canada is expected to announce no changes in interest rates tomorrow, even though data last week showed the economy shrank slightly in the second quarter.

And economists expect modest job growth when Statistics Canada releases its August employment report on Friday. The consensus calls for the Canadian economy to have created about 25,000 jobs after a gain of more than 7,000 in July.

But the event that will have a greater impact on stock markets happens Thursday night when U.S. President Barack Obama unveils his jobs program.

Economists were deeply disappointed last week when the August non-farm payrolls report showed flat monthly U.S. net job growth for the first time since 1945.

Some analysts say Washington will have to offer tax incentives to companies to hire the unemployed. Others say Obama will likely find resistance from the Republican-controlled House of Representatives over anything that hints at higher spending. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Market moment

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Apple on the scent of lost iPhone prototype

Company enlists police to help find gadget misplaced by employee

DANIEL BARRY/GETTY IMAGES

▶ What was in those drinks, anyway? An iPhone 4 prototype was lost in a Redwood, Calif., bar by an Apple employee in March 2010. Now Apple is on the hunt for another smartphone left behind in a restaurant.

San Francisco police officers helped Apple Inc. investigators look for a missing iPhone 5 prototype that was left in a restaurant in July, the police chief said, the second time in two years the company has lost an unreleased smartphone.

Police Chief Greg Suhr said four plainclothes officers accompanied two Apple investigators who searched a San Francisco home for the device.

The Apple employees conducted the house search after asking the resident's permission, and the officers did not enter the home, police said.

Apple tracked the smartphone to the home using GPS technology, but the gadget wasn't found there.

Sergio Calderon, who lives in the home, said he was led to believe all six people were police officers and would not have admitted the two investigators had he known they worked for Apple.

Apple officials would not comment on the case.

Apple, based in Cupertino, Calif., is reportedly planning to release the new iPhone this fall.

Last week, two men were charged with misdemeanours for selling a lost Apple iPhone 4 they found in March 2010 in a bar in Redwood City, Calif. That phone was sold to the gadget blog Gizmodo.com for $5,000. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Swiss bankers balk at new U.S. treaty

Switzerland recently signed revised deals with several countries seeking information on tax cheats

Swiss banking officials lashed out yesterday at the possibility of yet another tax treaty with the United States aimed at handing over the details of more Americans suspected of using Swiss banks to cheat on their taxes.

Patrick Odier, chairman of the Swiss Bankers Association, urged the Swiss people and the government to "put up a united front" and work out a solution that applies to all countries.

"The solution must be globally applicable, be definitive and correspond to existing Swiss law," Odier told the association at a meeting in Basel, Switzerland. "A second bilateral treaty has to be avoided and the U.S. needs to respect this."

The United States last year forced Switzerland to agree to a separate bilateral tax treaty — and to break its own banking secrecy laws — in order to prevent the country's biggest bank, UBS AG, from facing damaging civil litigation in U.S. courts for helping thousands of Americans hide money in offshore accounts.

UBS was forced to hand over the names of thousands of American account holders and pay a $780 million US fine in a landmark case that pierced Switzerland's storied tradition of banking secrecy.

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Bank job

- **Switzerland fears U.S.** officials may try to bring charges against one or more Swiss banks, including Credit Suisse Group, if the country does not divulge more details on how many Americans may have used Swiss banks to avoid paying U.S. taxes.
- **The Swiss government** recently signed revised agreements with Germany and Britain.
- **The moves have been** seen as the beginning of the end of Switzerland's strict policy of non-cooperation with foreign tax authorities.

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Humans are social creatures; we crave the comfort of other warm-blooded beings in close proximity. At work we're lauded for our teamwork skills and at leisure we're obsessed with being connected (virtually or otherwise). And yet, despite our natural desire to seek out togetherness, there is something to be said for being alone.

No, not the sad, weepy, nobody-loves-me kind of loneliness you experience on the first night after a breakup. And not the alone time that you spend tweeting or curating your Facebook profile. I'm talking about legit solitude.

The thought of isolation makes some people very nervous. After five minutes of seclusion we feel panicky, compelled to reach for our phones and connect to the rest of the world. But when we are constantly looking to others to validate our existence, learning how to be alone is more important than ever.

"Single living, if your budget allows, is a marvelous luxury. You have total freedom to live by your own rules; make a mess, go out all night, sleep all day (diagonally if you're so inclined), have cereal for dinner, listen to awful music and decorate however you please."

I often find myself feeling desperate to disconnect and enjoy some solid me time. Not because I'm antisocial and wallowing in self pity (I'm looking at you, Bridget Jones, singing All By Myself into a tub of ice cream) but because in everyday life there is a constant pressure to be on. Sometimes I just need to switch off.

It's so important to take time off from the daily performance of being a best friend, a lover, a co-worker, and to allow ourselves to just be. Whenever I'm by myself, I find time to do all those things I've been meaning to do, or I find time to do nothing at all.

Whether I'm more relaxed or more productive, I'm ultimately more myself when I'm alone than at any other time.

Single living, if your budget allows, is a marvelous luxury. You have total freedom to live by your own rules: make a mess, go out all night, sleep all day (diagonally if you're so inclined), have cereal for dinner, listen to awful music and decorate however you please.

And if you become unsatisfied with your solo time indoors, the city can be a wonderful place for loners. You can wander unnoticed in the crowded streets, disappear in darkened movie theatres, slip into near-silent art galleries and forget the rest of the world.

Solitude in large doses may not be for everyone, but to be alone by choice — in a content and meaningful way — is an essential part of the human experience.

Read more of Jessica Napier's columns at metronews.ca/shesays

Group greases the gears for community cycling

NEWS WORTH SHARING

Put a W.R.E.N.C.H. in it, Winnipeg!

The Winnipeg Repair Education and Cycling Hub is a new force in empowering youth and adults to choose bicycles for transit and fun, to learn basic bike repair and to repurpose old bikes headed for the landfill.

It's all possible thanks to volunteers dedicated to sharing the joy, freedom and sense of community that cycling provides.

"Volunteers are an integral part of the cycling community in Winnipeg," says the W.R.E.N.C.H.'s Cara Fisher.

"Without their dedication and passion, our organization and the broader cycling community would not be where it is today," Fisher said.

"It is thanks to a huge number of volunteers at Winnipeg's community bike shops that diverse people of all incomes have access to bikes."

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Tweets

- **@mitchrosset:** Winner between #Winnipeg and St. Paul this afternoon will face the Grand Prairie Air Hogs in the American Association League Championship
- **@pomoinc:** Just heard there was an awesome artist using a projector to paint a fresco on the side of the Nook in #Winnipeg this Friday. Hooray!
- **@joshgroban:** Winnipeg! What a great way to end our N. American tour (for now). You were great! Tomorrow I fly to Europe!! No rest for the wicked.
- **@lisa_gregory:** Three days in Winnipeg. I've already eaten at three different Stellas locations.
- **@gliverpool9966:** WOW It takes 3 hours to replace burned out power cabling from Hydro. I wonder how many people are working on this #winnipeg
- **@SonjaMissio:** HOW IS FLYING TO THE CARIBBEAN CHEAPER THAN FLYING TO WINNIPEG?!?!?
- **@icethetics:** Just 24 hours from now, the Winnipeg Jets jerseys will no longer be a mystery. Who's excited?

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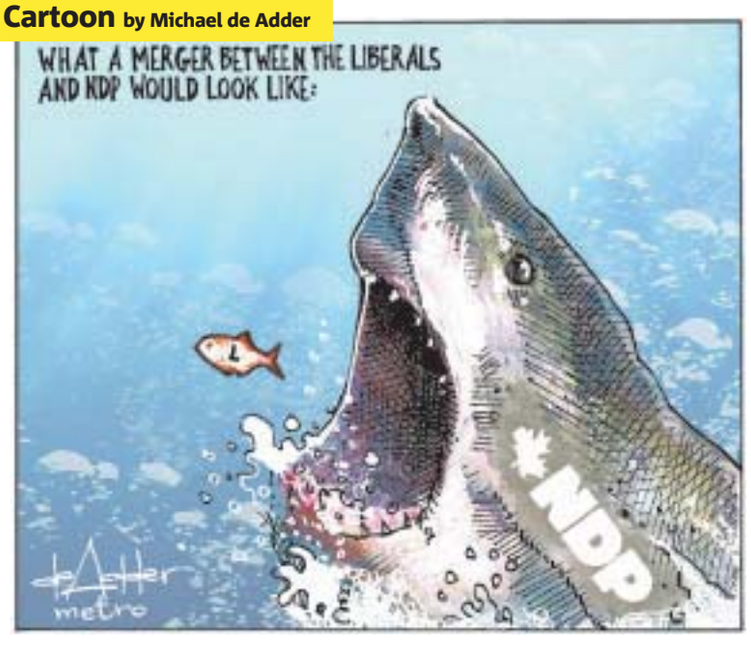

WEIRD NEWS

Fact: You can earn respect by eating chicken wings

The Black Widow of eating contests has scarfed down 183 chicken wings in 12 minutes to break her own world record set last year in Buffalo, N.Y.

Sonya Thomas took home first place Sunday at the 10th annual National Buffalo Wings Festival. She beat eating marvel Joey (Jaws) Chestnut, who came in second with 174 wings.

The two won titles at the July 4 hotdog-eating contest on Coney Island.

The 100-pound Thomas of Alexandria, Va., is the reigning wing-eating champion. She downed 181 wings to win the 2010 contest.

Thomas is called the Black Widow because she often beats male competitors in eating contests.

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▶Sonya Thomas chews toward a win in this file photo.

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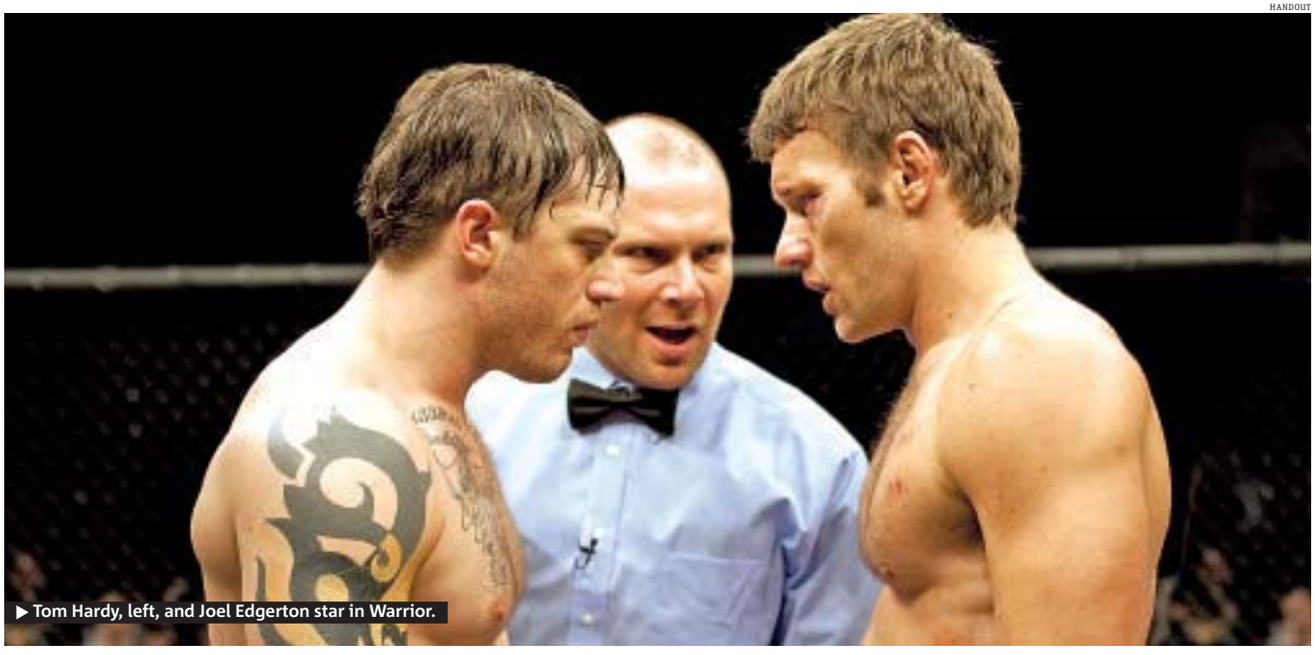

▶ Tom Hardy, left, and Joel Edgerton star in Warrior.

Training to be a warrior

Tom Hardy and Joel Edgerton play battling brothers in a film about fighting and family

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For Warrior, actors Tom Hardy and Joel Edgerton face off as mixed martial arts fighters — and brothers — trying to punch, kick and grapple their way to a better life. But just because they can pass for lethal, musclebound cagefighters on screen doesn't mean either is ready for a career change. "Any one of you guys could beat me up right now," Edgerton says, sizing up the reporters and publicists in the room, who smile back nervously.

While he's still in peak shape for his next role, Hardy agrees, explaining that the first thing they learned was how little they knew. "You know that we trained because now we know even less about fighting than we did when we started," Hardy says. "You don't go swaggering, because it will come home to roost. It's normally the quietest guy in the room. You learn things like, if I can hear my own voice in a bar fight, I'm just about to get knocked out."

If leaked online footage is any indication, the quiet guy taking Hardy down these days is Christian Bale, whose Batman goes toe to toe with Hardy's freakishly strong Bane in the Dark Knight Rises, currently filming — though the only thing Hardy will say about that project is that he "can't talk about it at all."

The third of Christopher Nolan's Batman films isn't the first time Bale has gotten in Hardy's way, so to speak, as Warrior was originally set to come out last year, but an unfortunate coincidence led to it being delayed. Edgerton explains: "As they got closer to any kind of finished form of the movie, this film called The Fighter came out — a little family drama that centres around a bit of fighting. They're completely different movies, but on a trailer or on paper, the supposition is they're the same thing."

Hardy summed up the similarities more succinctly: "Two brothers fight," he said. "But Christian Bale obviously is going to win an Oscar, so let's not put ours out now."

How big of a delay are we talking? Hardy actually filmed Warrior before joining Nolan's Inception. So while Warrior and the Dark Knight Rises have meant lots of weight training and bruises for Hardy, he's had some rest in between.

"It was like putting on a pair of slippers and a robe and, like, rubbing myself in lavender oils," Hardy says of the transition from one film to the other. "Having everything done for me, it was heaven, to be honest. I had a wire instead of having to leap over things, and no one was trying to hit me in the face. Heaven."

Edgerton, who will next be seen in The Thing, is heading back to his native Australia for a similarly comfortable transition, starring alongside Leonardo DiCaprio, Tobey Maguire and Carey Mulligan in the Great Gatsby.

2 scene

Box office

According to studio estimates Monday, the acclaimed drama about Southern black maids took in $19 million over the long holiday weekend. Best among the newcomers was Helen Mirren's Holocaust-revenge thriller The Debt at No. 2 with $12.6 million from Friday to Monday. The sci-fi horror tale Apollo 18 opened at No. 3 with $10.7 million.

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Pacino calls his Wile Salome an 'ambitious and complicated' cinematic gesture.

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Celebrity tweets

@MrsLRCooper

Wow, people are being nice to me cause I'm pregnant. Doors being opened, people being helpful etc, its like a whole new world.

@ActuallyNPH

I think I'm gonna start tweeting about things I dig. Not 'shallow graves' or 'tunnels to China', more just random stuff that I like.

@mindykaling

I'm not wishing Beyonce happy birthday on twitter because I am wishing it to her in person on our yacht we share because we're close friends

@DannyDeVito

Zoe Saldana is cool even when she's not blue

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▶ Madonna

Madonna's new film in need of a prayer

◗ Directorial debut gets slammed ◗ Set to come to TIFF

Madonna brought her directorial debut, W.E., to the Venice International Film Festival last week, but the critical drubbing her work received was hardly welcoming.

The film, about American socialite Wallace Simpson and starring Abbie Cornish, was dubbed "an extraordinarily silly, preening, fatally mishandled film" by the Guardian.

Variety declared that, "Burdened with risible dialogue and weak performances, the pic doesn't have much going for it."

The singer and first-time director will next head to the Toronto International Film Festival next week, where she's likely hoping for a warmer reception. METRO

Wedding shout-out for Winehouse

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▶ Mark Ronson

Mark Ronson took a moment while celebrating his recent wedding to model Josephine De La Baume to acknowledge one absent guest: Amy Winehouse.

"Amy was a great friend of both Mark and Josephine and they would have been thrilled to have her with them at their big day, but sadly it wasn't to be," a source says, according to Us Weekly. "Amy would definitely have sung one of her hits at the wedding if she were still alive, as she meant so much to both of them. Her death devastated the pair of them." METRO

Beef on the set of Idol?

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▶ Jennifer Lopez

Tensions are high at American Idol as Jennifer Lopez and Steven Tyler prepare for the second season as judges.

"Me and Randy (Jackson) and Steve got into our first fight. I got really, really upset," Lopez tells Ryan Seacrest during a radio interview.

The row was apparently over the audition of a female singer whom Lopez found impressive but Tyler and Jackson wanted to dismiss.

"She was amazing," Lopez says.

"I thought I was being Punk'd. How can we let this girl go? I was upset." METRO

Oscars may be in cards for Eddie

Eddie Murphy

Eddie Murphy may have a new gig as the host of next year's Oscars, according to Deadline.

The Shrek star is reportedly at the top of the list for director Brett Ratner, who is producing the awards show, and Murphy is said to be "showing interest," sources say.

Murphy nearly secured Oscar gold himself for his role in Dreamgirls, but many believe his poorly received comedy Norbit, released during Academy voting, dashed his chances. METRO

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Last resort for addiction: Intervention

New Canadian show takes an unflinching look at people with drug and alcohol dependencies or other compulsive behaviour ◆ Based on the Emmy-nominated U.S. show

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"If she doesn't get help real soon, she's not gonna live," says Don about his 26-year-old stepdaughter, Loren. She is an alcoholic in Windsor, Ont., and one of the people whose story is told on the new show Intervention Canada.

As a child, Loren was abused by her grandfather, and in her young life she has already suffered the loss of several people she loved. She is unemployed, with little hope. Her family believes she's close to death. It's time for an intervention.

The new show, featuring people like Loren who desperately need help, premieres in back-to-back episodes this Friday at 8 p.m. ET on Slice.

It deals with Canadians who are addicted to drugs, alcohol or have other compulsive behaviours. Though addiction is common — affecting one in 10 people in Canada — intervention is a last resort and the majority of people never reach that stage, says Andrew Galloway, one of the interventionists on the show and a substance abuse specialist in private practice in Toronto.

"No one grows up wanting to be a crack addict or an alcoholic," says Galloway, who himself is a recovered addict. "They make bad choices. Once they cross that threshold into dependence, they no longer have the ability to make good choices. I know what it's like; I woke up too scared to ask for help, too ashamed to open up."

Galloway hopes the show gives viewers hope that they can live differently. For more information on the show, visit slice.ca/interventioncanada.

By the numbers

While Intervention Canada is all about the worst-case scenarios, serious cases of addiction are common, and are often linked with other mental illnesses. Here are some statistics from the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health in Toronto:

- About 20 per cent of people with a mental disorder also have a substance abuse problem.
- One in 10 people over age 15 report symptoms consistent with an alcohol or drug dependence.
- Only one-third of those who need mental health services actually receive them.

▶ Andrew Galloway, one of the interventionists on Intervention Canada and himself a recovered addict.

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2. In a medium bowl, combine flour and sugar. Make a well in the centre; add milk, egg and melted butter. Stir gently until mixture begins to form a soft dough; fold in berries; spoon into mini-muffin cups, dividing evenly. Bake until tops are golden, 14 minutes.

Ingredients:

- 500 ml (2 cups) self-rising flour
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) sugar
- 175 ml (3/4 cup) milk
- 1 large egg, lightly beaten
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) butter, melted
- 375 ml (1 1/2 cups) fresh or frozen blueberries

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With entrèes that include steak, veal, duck and leg of lamb, a wise lunch option is to have an appetizer and salad so you have room for dessert.

The Mushroom Crèpes ($7.50) is a nice mix of mushrooms, grilled green beans and emmental cheese folded into a thin crèpe with a small salad.

The shrimp puff ($8.50) combines plump shrimp with a creamy fennel sauce in flaky puff pastry.

A Salade Camembert ($6.50) completes lunch with wedges of camembert on top of fresh greens.

Make sure you save room for some crème caramel, pastries or a brownie big enough for two. If this is the way of the French, I'll take it.

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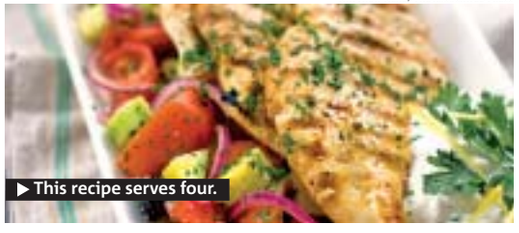

This recipe serves four.

Preparation:

1. Salad: In bowl, combine tomatoes, cucumber, onion and olives. Mix and season with salt, pepper and herbs. Add feta cheese; set aside.
2. Dressing: In bowl, combine yogurt, cucumber, garlic, olive oil, lemon juice, salt and pepper. Mix. Refrigerate until ready to serve.
3. Heat grill to medium. Pat dry each breast. Brush each piece lightly with oil on both sides. One at a time, place each in zip-close plastic bag. Using meat mallet, gently pound until evenly 1 cm (1/2 inch) thick. At this stage, chicken can be refrigerated for cooking later.
3. Brush each piece with olive oil again on both sides. Season each breast with salt and pepper, then grill directly over heat for about 6 minutes, turning once halfway through cooking time. When chicken is marked and cooked through, remove from grill. Immediately, squirt 1 to 2 lemon wedges over each piece of chicken and let sit for 2 to 3 minutes. Serve on top of the summer salad with a spoonful of tzatziki.

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Ingredients:

Salad

- 4 medium fully ripe tomatoes, cut into wedges
- 1 cucumber, peeled, cut into 1-cm (1/2-inch) chunks
- 1 small red onion, halved and sliced into semi-circles
- 20 oil-cured black olives
- Kosher salt, black pepper
- 5 ml (1 tsp) dried or fresh herbs, such as oregano, basil, thyme, etc.
- 60 g (2 oz) feta cheese, cut into 8 pieces (optional)

Tzatziki Dressing

- 500 ml (2 cups) plain, non-fat Greek-style yogurt
- 1/2 medium seedless cucumber, diced
- 3 cloves garlic, crushed
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) olive oil
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) freshly squeezed lemon juice
- Kosher salt, black pepper

Chicken

- 4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
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- Kosher salt, black pepper,
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Hi Charles!
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Niall, Manitoba

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▶ The amount of cash to give as a wedding gift is often a source of confusion.

Hello Niall,

There is no rule about how much to give, although some people say you have to give at least the cost of your meal.

This, however, bothers me. If you invite someone to your wedding, it should be because you want him or her to join in your celebration, not because you're trying to raise money to cover the cost of the wedding! My golden rule has always been that you should feel comfortable giving what you can afford. It is unreasonable for anyone to expect you to go into debt in order to give a present.

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Date Night

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2 First date do-over
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Author Jennifer Close has been to a lot of weddings. And engagement parties. And bridal showers. And bachelorette soirées. But then again, you'd be hard-pressed to find any 32-year-old who hasn't.

Such is the social life of most post-grad women, an era Close deftly captures in her debut novel, Girls in White Dresses, which follows a group of women as they navigate the wilds (and subsequent hangovers) of their 20s and 30s — and yes, go to a ton of weddings.

"I was writing it one summer when I had 10 weddings to go to and was in three of them. It was sort of all we talked about," Close says from her home in Washington. "It's that time of your life when it overtakes you."

Her weekends were booked and her bank account drained, but the nuptials gave Close a gift — a way to pull together the vignettes she was working on.

"After I got my MFA, I started working at a magazine (Portfolio) and it was so busy that I stopped working on my own stuff," she remembers. "But slowly, these stories started coming out. And after it folded, I had the time to work on them. I realized weddings would be a good way to tie together their lives."

Close's publisher is betting that the mixture of Close's sardonic, well-crafted female characters and the all-too-familiar feeling of wedding fatigue will capture a large audience; it's one of Knopf's biggest releases of the fall.

"The thing that makes me happiest is when people tell me, 'I know who these girls are. They are my friends,'" Close admits. "That's when I know I did my job well."

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Meet your credit score

ON MONEY

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Phooey to New Year resolutions. My vote for the best time to become a better (slimmer) person while working for world peace is the fall with its energizing cooler months.

But before you take on the world and its problems or even your own BMI (body mass index), focus on an issue of financial health first — your credit score.

"Check your credit report annually to avoid surprises when applying for mortgages and other loans."
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It is as important to your financial life as your weight is to your physical well-being.

There are actually two parts to a credit rating. The first is your score.

The bottom line is this: a FICO score of more than 650 means you will likely qualify for most standard loans including a mortgage, line of credit and car loan. Less than that will probably send you into the arms of higher interest rate lenders. Aim for a score of 700 to give you some leeway.

The second part of your credit rating is your profile — debts, available credit, late payments, closed accounts and other details of your financial life.

It is very important to check your score and profile annually, so make a resolution this very minute to do it before the leaves turn to red and gold.

There are a lot of myths associated with credit scores. Here are three:

ISTOCK

▶ Take steps to improve your financial health.

1. Checking my score negatively affects my credit rating.
Nope. Your own inquiry is called a soft-check and doesn't change anything.

2. Closing old accounts or credit cards will improve my score.
No again. Simplify your financial life by all means, but you are usually better off closing newer accounts or cancelling newer cards.

Retaining recently opened cards and accounts may make it appear you have a short history and a lengthy (good) history is what boosts your score.

3. As long as I pay all bills and make minimum payments on credit cards my score will be high.
And another no. A key component of your score is available credit.

Try to use not more than 50 per cent of your credit card or line of credit limits. Better yet, pay off your balance every month.

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BOOTSTRAPPING

FUN AND FRUGAL

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Last week I encouraged students to get a job to help put a dent in hefty tuition bills. Many readers agreed. Others thought the column failed to address the larger social issue; that education in Canada has become obscenely expensive. I agree that the costs are extreme.

Students graduate with great career aspirations, loads of debt and a tough Canadian job market.

But, political and social views aside; students still have to find smart ways to manage their finances.

Students, working a part-time job to pay the bills is a great way cover costs, gain experience and meet people. And, work experience will make you highly marketable to employers!

If a job related to your field of study isn't available, try another industry. Eclectic experiences look great on a resumé and help diversify your skills. Or, become an entrepreneur and cut grass, deliver groceries, write or freelance. Whatever you do, work hard, add value, be personable and get references.

Educational funds are also available through student loans and lines of credit. But, with debt comes responsibility; only take what you need.

Draw up a budget. Using a spreadsheet or online banking budget tracking tool, list income and expenses (big and small).

Apply 'Financial Bootstrapping' techniques to live financially lean and frugal; reduce cellphone bills, dinners out, negotiate for better rental rates or move to a smaller place. Buy text books, laptops, desks and furniture second hand.

File a tax return. Even though you don't make significant income, by filing a tax return you begin accruing tax deductible RRSP contribution room for future years when you'll earn greater income. You're also entitled to receive a GST/HST credit, which can amount to hundreds of dollars in cash. If you're using student loans, you can claim federal and provincial tax credits for the interest paid throughout the year.

Paying for school is difficult and it takes time to chip away at loans. But you're making an investment in your future. Education will open doors for you in terms of your career and lifestyle.

POPQUIZ

I keep reading news about a slowdown in the US economy – should I sell my investments?

A: Money in America? Is that an oxymoron?

B: You should invest! You can't get the ups without going through the downs.

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GETTING BACK IN THE GROOVE

FIND A ROUTINE FOR SCHOOL YEAR

Getting back into a college or university routine can be tough whether you are coming back from the summer break or returning to education for the first time in years.

Jason Hunter, dean of students at Toronto's Humber College, says the first step should be going to orientation week, a.k.a. Frosh Week.

"People have a perception that orientation is a week of fun and partying, but, in reality, the orientation programs are intended to provide every student with an orientation to the campus and the resources available," he says. "It connects students to each other and to faculty."

If you skip orientation week and try to orient yourself later, you will find it much harder and will miss lots of stuff.

"You should recognize all of the resources that are available to you at any college or university. You've effectively already paid for them through your tuition — take advantage of them," Hunter says.

When it comes to budgeting time and money, think not just for the first week, but the whole year. "They may have all that (funding) up front and the temptation (to blow it)," Hunter says.

Instead, divide the money by eight months and stick to that budget.

If your classes have regular tests, you might not have to worry about time management, but if it's slanted to end-of-year work, you need to budget your time so you stay on track from the start. Your school may have programs to improve your budgeting skills.

Rachel Bouska of Alberta's Department of Advanced Education and Technology says going back to school can be especially disorienting if you are an adult returning after a gap of years, perhaps since high school.

Bouska says a lot of back-to-school stress is caused by finances, so students should explore what help is available.

— Jon Tattrie

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ONLINE TRAINING

An online training division was recently created for Robertson College. In early 2009, the college recognized the need to offer online training to students who aren't able to attend classes in person. The college's online campus, iRobertson College, offers distance and part-time education. For more, visit robertsoncollege.com/irobertson.htm.

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4 sports

CFL. Riders resurgent

▶ Blue Bombers wide receiver Cory Watson breaks a tackle from Saskatchewan Roughriders linebacker Jerrell Freeman on Sunday.

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New coach leads Roughriders over Blue Bombers

Ken Miller hopes his first game back as the Roughriders head coach proves to be a turning point in Saskatchewan's so far dismal season.
Chris Getzlaf caught two of Darian Durant's three touchdown passes as the CFL-worst Roughriders snapped a four-game losing streak with a 27-7 victory Sunday over the league-best Winnipeg Blue Bombers.
It was Miller's first game since replacing fired head coach Greg Marshall after the Riders fell to 1-7 two weeks ago. "We do have a lot of work to do but we made a big step today," Miller said.

Quoted

"I was dreaming of that before. I was always telling myself before, 'One day, I'm going to be that guy.'"

NEW YORK YANKEES ROOKIE JESUS MONTERO, WHO HIT HIS FIRST TWO MAJOR-LEAGUE HOME RUNS YESTERDAY AGAINST BALTIMORE. FOUR GAMES INTO HIS BIG-LEAGUE CAREER, THE 21-YEAR-OLD CATCHING PROSPECT HAS MADE QUITE AN IMPRESSION. SINCE HIS DEBUT AT BOSTON LAST THURSDAY, HE'S BATTING .385 (5 FOR 13) WITH FIVE RUNS AND THREE RBIS.

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Season over for Goldeyes

Ninth-inning error sinks the Fish in deciding game of first-round playoff series
Winnipeg twice erased St. Paul leads Saints move on to face AirHogs

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SAINTS	GOLDEYES

After five hard-fought, tight games, the Winnipeg Goldeyes' season ended yesterday afternoon on an error.

On a Jake Krause ground ball, Winnipeg third baseman Louis Ott threw the ball in the dirt that skipped by Goldeyes first baseman Brian Myrow in the bottom of the ninth inning.

That allowed Richard Mercado to score from third base and gave the St. Paul Saints a 5-4 win in the fifth and deciding game of the best-of-five American Association Division Series.

The Saints win the series three games to two.

Winnipeg started the scoring in the top of the first inning with a run, but the Saints replied in the bottom of the inning to take a 3-1 lead. Ryan Patterson hit a solo home run and Ronnie Bourquin followed two batters later with a two-run home run. Both dingers came with two out.

The Goldeyes tied the game in the fourth inning when Price Kendall hit a chopper over third base to score two runs. While Winnipeg tied the game, the bases were also left loaded in the inning.

In the bottom of the sixth inning, Ian Thomas came in to relieve Goldeyes starter Ace Walker and gave up a single to Jason Cooper, which scored Bourquin and gave the Saints a 4-3 lead.

Down to their last strike in the top of the ninth inning, the Goldeyes received a double down the left field line from Jon Weber, scoring Price Kendall from third to tie the game 4-4.

Zach Baldwin took the loss after Mercado got on base in the ninth with an infield single.

Tyler Walker, who blew the save in the top of the ninth inning, picked up the win.

The Saints move on to play the Grand Prairie AirHogs in the best-of-five American Association Championship Series later this week.

Williams reaches quarter-finals

Serena Williams fought off the wind, along with brief flurries of effectiveness from her opponent, to advance to the quarter-finals of the U.S. Open yesterday with a 6-3, 6-4 victory over Ana Ivanovic.

Williams closed out the match with four straight serves that Ivanovic couldn't get back — clocked between 99 and 111 mph in a blustery Arthur Ashe Stadium that had both players fighting with their tosses and topspin all day.

"I didn't even go for winners at any point," said Williams, who hit only 16.

"I just tried to get it over because it was so windy. It was definitely tough."

The top player on the men's side, Novak Djokovic, opened his fourth-round match with a thrilling 16-14 first-set tiebreaker win over No. 22 Alexandr Dolgopolov. Things got easier from there in a 7-6 (14), 6-4, 6-2 victory. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PEYTON MANNING

Iron man no more?

The unthinkable suddenly seems possible in Indianapolis — opening the season without Peyton Manning.

The four-time league-MVP who has never missed a start in his NFL career is doubtful for Sunday's game at Houston because of lingering soreness in his back following off-season neck surgery.

If Manning sits, it would be the first time the NFL's active iron man missed a meaningful game after 227 consecutive starts including the playoffs.

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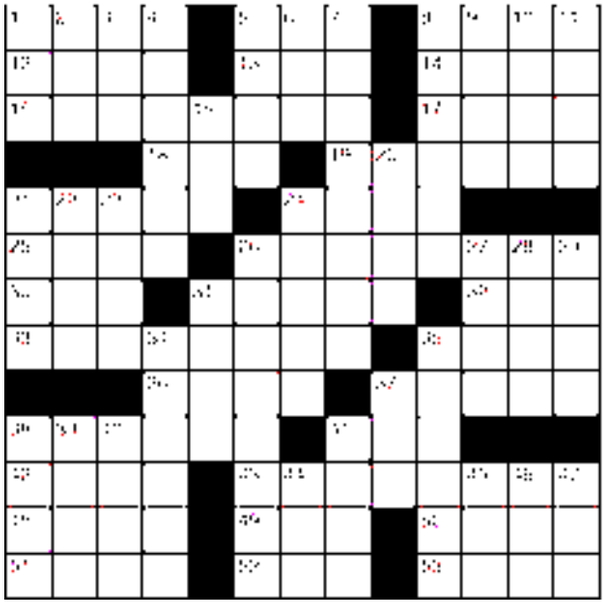
Crossword



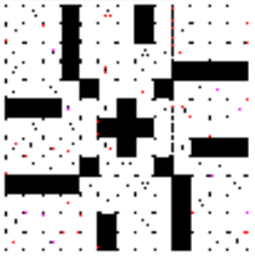
Across

1 "Woe is me!"
5 Snapshot, for short
8 Church section
12 Chore
13 Blonde shade
14 Bucket
15 Anise-flavored liqueur
17 Nursery color, maybe
18 Larry and Curly's cohort
19 Heavy hammer
21 Lights
24 On the briny
25 "Hi, sailor!"
26 Engrossed
30 More (Sp.)
31 Sculptor Oldenburg
32 Regret
33 Not concrete
35 Actress Sorvino
36 Corn peel
37 Energy
38 Yell sharply
41 Chaps
42 Nickel, for one
43 Missing person?
48 Uncontrollable
49 Postal Creed word
50 Davenport's site
51 Wagers
52 Bribe
53 Basin accessory

Down

1 — glance
2 Science workshop
3 Fool
4 Meager
5 Cracker spread
6 Somewhat (Suff.)
7 Board and 32 pieces
8 Seem
9 Settled a debt
10 Croon
11 Actress Sommer
16 Ph. bk. data
20 Many summertime births
21 Dalai —
22 Moby Dick's pursuer
23 Rolling stone's lack
24 Unawares
26 Fairbanks folks
27 Naval hoosegow
28 Continental coin
29 Darling
31 Motley —
34 Uses one's gray matter
35 Mickey's girlfriend
37 Flying geese's formation
38 Wound cover
39 Kansas, to Dorothy
40 Urban disturbance
41 Abbr. that may cause sticker shock
44 Ghost's cry
45 AAA job
46 Lamb's mama
47 Listener

▶ Friday's answer



Sudoku

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	8						9	1
1			3		4		7	6
	7			5			1	
2	6		1		8			4
8	1						4	
		5		6	1	3		7
	3		2		5	1		

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Friday's answer ▶

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VICTORIA

barrett
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YOUR LIFE, CRYSTAL

snuggle bunny,
baby, the curve of your lips in the moonlight looks like a beautiful rose petal. i miss you everyday you're not with me. the touch of your hand warms up my whole day :) love youuu forever
SNUGGLE ELEPHANT

A look at the weather

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
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Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 Over the next 24 hours, don't burn yourself out. Just focus on what is most important — and do it.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 Don't be put off if someone you meet seems a bit too detached emotionally. You have things in common.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 There are times when you say things to shock those around you. Be ready for the backlash.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Be honest with loved ones. Let them know what they are doing wrong.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 You may be trying to deny your feelings, but is it worth the effort? You know it's bad to bottle them up. Express.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Events may have taken some of the gloss off your achievements over the past few days. You'll shine soon.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Think deeply about your life and where it is headed. Then act.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 You may not agree with what certain people are up to but it is not your place to question their actions.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Every time you try to get started on something, a force holds you back. It may not be the right time.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Avoid people and places that depress you. Your mood will improve.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 A friend or colleague will give you excellent advice today. If you are smart, you will listen and learn.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. One-to-one relationships are under both helpful and challenging stars right now. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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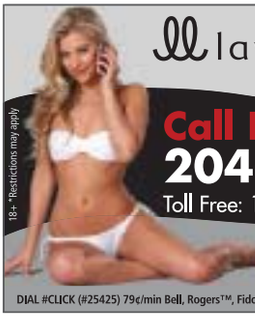

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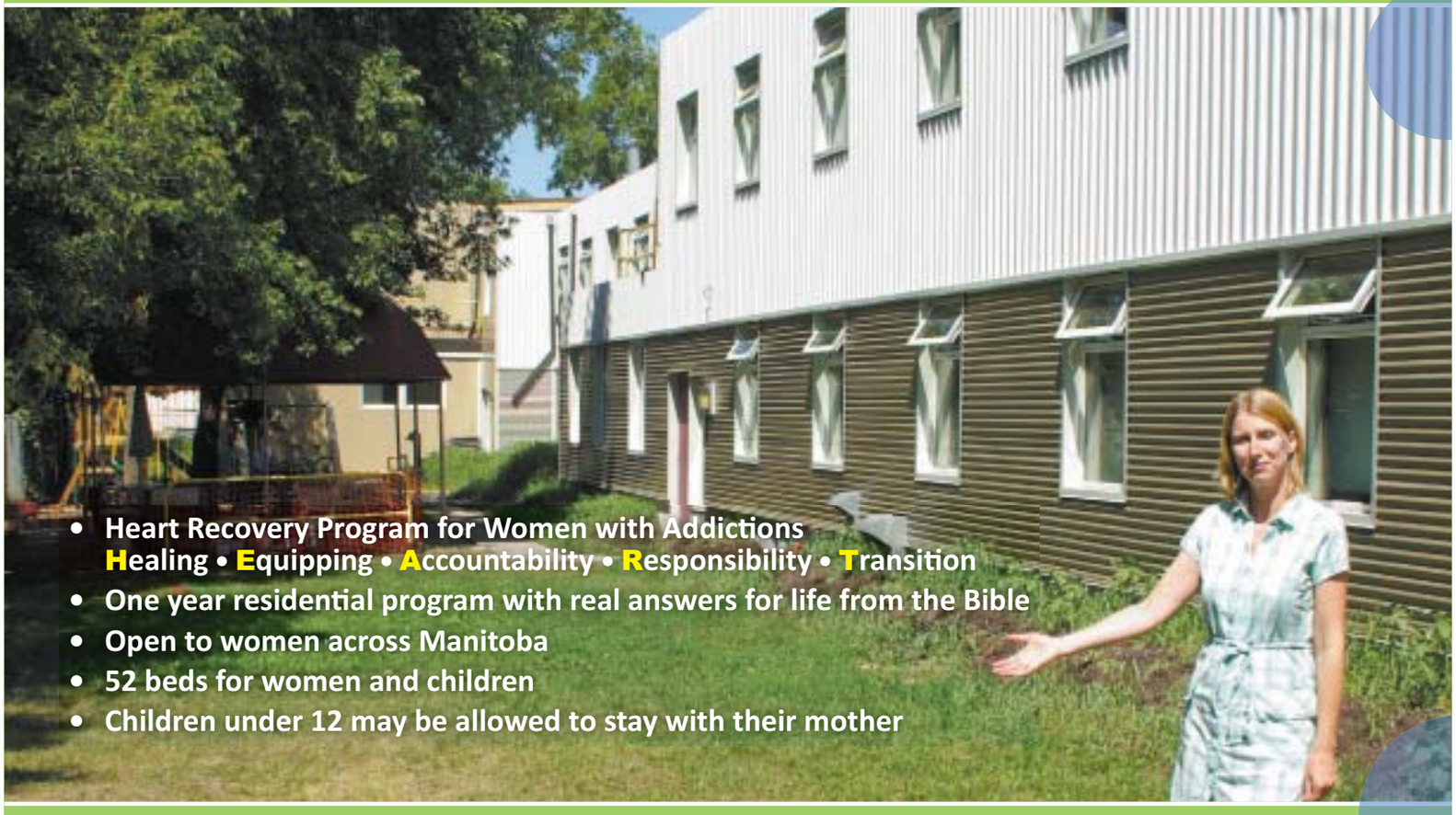

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